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ANSWER TO POPE'S PLEA

Events Shift Burden of Reply From
President's Shoulders.

Events seem to be lending themselves to the policy the President has adopted with regard to the peace note of Pope Benedict. While he has been waiting to make his response, the burden of rejecting the Pope's terms has been shifted to the shoulder of the other nations of the Entente. Yet many things indicate that the time is becoming ripe for a statement by the President of the war aims and peace terms of the United States.

The further elucidation of the Pope's note cabled yesterday unofficially from Rome, in which the Vatican is depicted as acknowledging that the invasion of Belgium must be paid for, is looked upon here as but bringing the Pope's terms more into accord with the known previous declarations of President Wilson.

There can be no doubt of the eagerness of the United States as well as the rest of the world to hear from President Wilson on this subject. The demand has made itself felt in Congress. The Capitol yesterday was filled with talk of the possibility of the President coming before the Congress at an early date with a re-statement of the United States' aims which would at the same time embody his reply to Pope Benedict.

It was predicted yesterday by close observers of international affairs and men familiar with the mind of the President, that his declaration on peace cannot wholly reject the Pope's terms. It is looked upon as likely that he will accept them all in the abstract, and then insist that they be made concrete by the assent to them of the German people as distinct from the German government.

Such a reply would leave the United States and the entente free to carry on the war against "The Imperial German Government" as well as the state documents call it. It would at the same time leave the way open for the discussion in Germany of means to grant satisfaction to the demands of the United States.

As has been said, the State Department has indisputable evidence that the heaven of democracy has not ceased to work within the Teuton iron ring.

MUST BEAT ENGLAND.

Kaiser Calls Britain Instigator of the War and the Arch-Enemy.

Copenhagen, Aug. 25.—England, the arch-enemy of Germany, must be beaten down at whatever cost. Emperor William told his troops while on a visit to the Flanders front on Wednesday. An official statement issued in Berlin says the emperor addressed deputations from all detachments which have had a share in meeting the British attacks. He said he felt impelled to express his thanks and his full recognition of the heroic gallantry shown by troops from all parts of Germany in the hard fighting of the last week. The emperor referred to the marked contrast between the German and Anglo-French points of view and continued:

"It is in God's hands when in His wisdom He will give us victory. He has taught our army a hard lesson and now we are going to pass the examination. With the old German confidence in God we shall show what we can do. The greater and mightier the problem the more gladly we shall grapple with it and solve it. We shall fight and conquer until the enemy has had enough of these struggles."

"All Germans have realized who is the instigator of this war and who is the chief enemy—England. Every one knows England is our most spiteful adversary. She spreads the

hatred of Germany over the whole world, filling her allies with hatred and eagerness to fight. Thus every one at home knows what you know still better that England is particularly the enemy to be struck down, however difficult it may be. Your relatives at home who, too, have made great sacrifices thank you through me."

"A difficult struggle lies ahead of us. England, proud of her stubborn resistance, believes in her invincibility, but you will show that you can attain still greater things, for the prize of the war is the German people's freedom to live—freedom at sea and freedom at home. With God's help we shall see the struggle through and be victorious."

AUSTRIA CRIES FOR PEACE

Willing, It is Said, to Buy Her Way Out of the Present War.

Copenhagen, Aug. 25.—An Austria which is literally crying for peace, which has discarded any thought of territorial expansion and is even willing to buy its way out of the war by territorial sacrifices on the Italian front and in Galicia, and Austria of frequent food riots, unable to last through another winter of war; an Austria whose population would rise in revolution if any reasonable peace offer were rejected by the government, is pictured by an intelligent Austrian who has arrived here from Vienna.

In a long talk with the correspondent he told a story which explains the persistence of Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and of Emperor Charles in returning again and again to the subject of peace negotiations.

This Austrian, who spent several days in Berlin on his way to Copenhagen, had an opportunity to talk with representatives of the German foreign office.

He said that nearly all of these men were convinced peace was coming before winter.

"Food conditions in Vienna were described as worse than is usually imagined for the poorer classes of the population and there have been food riots in many places."

The Hungarians, and particularly the Magyar ruling classes, are less weary of the war than are the Austrians, although anxious for peace.

AGAIN IN FRENCH HANDS

Tenten Grip on Verdun Gave by Fall of Key Position to French City.

London, Aug. 25.—"Hill 304" is again in French hands" was the message from the Verdun front that thrilled the heart of France today. Not since the battle of the Marne has more joyous news come to the people of the republic, for the recapture by Petain's forces of this blood-soaked height, twin of "Dead Man's Hill," means the complete disengagement of Verdun from the Teuton grip.

For a year and a half the crown prince's veterans had been "squatting" complacently in their hidden concrete corridors on this hill, snugly looking down on the battered citadel that was their ultimate goal.

"As long as we have Dead Man's Hill and Hill 304," was the ever-repeated assertion of German experts since the spring of last year, "our Verdun lines are safe, and sooner or later the fortress must fall to us." Mort Homme fell to the first

French onrush Monday. Hill 304 was reoccupied today. The Teuton dream of Verdun is over—it was a bubble of blood.

CAUGHT SUSPECTED THIEF

Negro Believed to Have Taken Pocketbook From Store Breaks Away From Policeman.

Several days ago a pocketbook containing \$15, belonging to Charles N. Rauch, was missed from his place of business in the old City Hotel building shortly after a negro named Alphonso Webster had left. A warrant was sworn out for the negro's arrest, and yesterday afternoon officer Walker Campbell took Webster in charge. Upon reaching the sidewalk in front of the station house Webster broke away from the officer and ran, leaving most of his shirt in the officer's hand. Officer Monday, who was nearby, started after the fugitive and ran him far into the western section of the city before he overtook him. Webster was taken to the station house and this morning the investigation of the charge against him was continued ten days.

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